

membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KINGSTON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 395. An act to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, Nevada, as the "Bruce R. Thompson United States Courthouse and Federal Building."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a joint resolution of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 38. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact.

PRIVATE CALENDAR

The SPEAKER. This is Private Calendar day.

The Clerk will call the first individual bill on the Private Calendar.

ARTHUR J. CARRON, JR

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 418) for the relief of Arthur J. Carron, Jr.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 418

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.

The time limitations set forth in section 3702(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to a claim by Arthur J. Carron, Jr., of Bark River, Michigan, for amounts due to him by the Department of the Navy. The amounts due are represented by the following checks that were received but not negotiated by Arthur J. Carron, Jr.:

(1) Treasury check number 2,831,843, dated October 18, 1966, in the amount of \$10,850.74 for salary and expenses.

(2) Treasury check number 10,445,856, dated January 29, 1971, in the amount of \$1,361.00 for salary and expenses.

(3) Treasury check number 71,681,041, dated April 1, 1971, in the amount of \$562.25 for retirement pay.

SEC. 2. DEADLINE.

Section 1 shall apply only if Arthur J. Carron, Jr., or his authorized representative, submits a claim pursuant to such section before the expiration of the 3-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BENCHMARK RAIL GROUP, INC.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 419) for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 419

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDING AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDING.—The Congress finds that Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, satisfactorily performed emergency work after the Northridge earthquake, but has not been reimbursed as a result of a technicality under California State law.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to fairly compensate Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., for the work for which, except for the technicality under California State law, it would otherwise have been paid under the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121).

SEC. 2. PAYMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall pay to Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, an amount equal to the total amount owed to Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of California to compensate Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., for the emergency work and services performed at the request of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to the extent that such work and services are otherwise eligible for reimbursement under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121). The payment shall be made from funds appropriated to implement such Act.

(b) DEOBLIGATION OF FUNDS.—The Federal Emergency Management Agency shall deobligate an equal amount to that obligated previously for payment to the State of California to cover the costs of work performed for the Southern California Regional Rail Authority by Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., after the Northridge earthquake which would have been eligible for reimbursement under such Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

KRIS MURTY

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 1315) for the relief of Kris Murty.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 1315

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RELOCATION EXPENSES FOR KRIS MURTY.

For the purpose of receiving reimbursement for relocation expenses under sections 5724 and 5724a of title 5, United States Code, Kris Murty of El Paso, Texas, an employee of the Department of the Army, is deemed to have been an employee transferred by the Department of the Army from one official station to another for permanent duty when he relocated from Houston, Texas, to Fort Bliss, Texas, in February 1985.

SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AGENTS AND ATTORNEYS FEES.

No amount exceeding 10 percent of a payment made pursuant to section 1 may be paid to or received by any agent or attorney in consideration for services rendered in connection with the payment. Any person who

violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be subject to a fine in the amount provided under title 18, United States Code.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 20 1-minutes on each side.

LET OUR PEOPLE GO

(Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, let our people go, let them go back to work.

Yesterday, we passed a budget resolution saying we would balance the budget in 7 years using CBO figures. Let us do it.

I would like to, during this third day of Hanukkah, with 6 days before Christmas, point out there is a face to this shutdown of Government, this partial shutdown. Yes, it affects 260,000 Federal employees and their families who are victims. Yes, it affects the private sector, those who have contracts. yes, it affects the financial market.

But I would like you to know, as I was driving in this morning I saw two cars in the driveway, two doors over, people who are usually gone at 7 o'clock in the morning, and that is because one of them works at Health and Human Services and one works at Commerce. They have four children. They have two children who are currently in college, and they are hit by the facts that we have not come up with a balanced budget.

I would also like to reflect the fact about a pharmacist at NIH, the human face is something we have got to realize and get on with our job.

BRING UP A CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I am a little weighted down today, as you can see, but I just wanted to point out that, and this is following up on what the gentlewoman from Maryland just said, that the reason that the Federal Government is shut down today is because the Republican majority has not brought up a continuing resolution to let the Government continue to operate.

On Friday they did not bring one up. Yesterday they did not bring one up. Today again I have heard no talk of bringing it up.

I think it is simply not fair to keep the Government shut down while we